

## **Fire and Life Safety Council Links**

[American Fire Sprinkler Association](#) (AFSA) is a non-profit, international association representing open shop fire sprinkler contractors, dedicated to the educational advancement of its members and promotion of the use of automatic fire sprinkler systems. Provides the open shop fire sprinkler contractor with training, consulting, communication, and representation.

[Building Owners and Managers Association](#) (BOMA) has a mission to enhance the human, intellectual and physical assets of the commercial real estate industry through advocacy, education, research, standards and information. Website has section on Security and Emergency Preparedness.

[Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat](#) was established to facilitate professional exchanges among those involved in all aspects of the planning, design, construction and operation of tall buildings and the urban habitat. Its primary goal is to promote better urban environments by maximizing the international interaction of professionals, and by making the latest knowledge available to its members and to the public at large in useful form.

[International Association of Arson Investigators](#) (IAAI) is a worldwide organization of fire investigators, fire service/law enforcement professionals and other related disciplines dedicated to the promotion of professional standards in fire investigation, fire safety, public education and awareness of fire-related issues, and the suppression of arson.

[International Association of Fire Chiefs](#) (IAFC) is a network of more than 12,000 chief fire and emergency officers. Their members are the world's leading experts in fire fighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, search & rescue, and public safety legislation. Their mission is to provide leadership to career and volunteer chiefs, chief fire officers and managers of emergency service organizations throughout the international community through vision, information, education, services and representation to enhance their professionalism and capabilities.

[National Church Arson Task Force](#) (NCATF) was formed as a result of the sharp increase in church arsons. In 1996, President Clinton formed the NCATF in an effort to coordinate Federal, state and local law enforcement in the battle against church arson. The NCATF is composed of ATF, FBI, DOJ, FEMA, HUD and CRS. ATF applies its expertise in arson and bombing investigations and its jurisdiction in federal arson statutes to investigating and apprehending those who attack houses of worship. The FBI brings its expertise in Civil Rights and Hate Crimes and applies these statutes when applicable. DOJ adds to the effort by providing attorneys to prosecute individuals burning houses of worship, applying the most appropriate statutes. Recognizing that cooperation between the public and law enforcement is essential in the fight against these crimes, the Community Relations Service of DOJ assists by fostering positive relationships between communities and law enforcement. FEMA manages arson prevention and training programs. HUD brings its expertise in coordinating rebuilding programs to the task force.

[National Coalition for Burned Churches and Community Empowerment](#) (NCBC) was established in October 1997, as a faith based response to the 1996 church-burning crisis. They are a multiracial, interdenominational coalition of clergy and laity whose places of worship have been burned or firebombed. Their mission is to help heal burned-church communities by providing advocacy support and technical assistance to victims in communities where churches are at risk of being burned for reasons motivated by racial or anti-religious hatred. They seek to accomplish

their mission through programs in research and analysis, victims support, church rebuilding, and volunteer coordination, community leadership training, youth organizing and public policy advocacy.

[National Fire Prevention Week](#) is a website dedicated to National Fire Prevention Week. Contains information on the history of fire prevention, and the Great Chicago Fire, which led up to starting National Fire Prevention Week. Promotes fire safety and education, exit drills in the home, and gives fire safety tips. Also gives fire prevention lesson plans to teach fire prevention to children of all ages.

[National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) is an international nonprofit association with the mission to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

[National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health](#) (NIOSH) is a research and education agency. The [Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970](#) created both NIOSH and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). OSHA is in the U.S. Department of Labor and is responsible for developing and enforcing workplace safety and health regulations. NIOSH is in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is an agency established to help assure safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women by providing research, information, education, and training in the field of occupational safety and health.

[Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) (OSHA) is a government enforcement agency created by Congress under the Occupational Safety and Health Act OSHA on December 29, 1970 with the mission to prevent work-related injuries, illnesses, and deaths. All employers are required to post the federal or a state OSHA poster to provide their employees with information on their safety and health rights. Employers with 11 or more employees must keep records of work-related injuries and illnesses. Workplaces in low-hazard industries such as retail, service, finance, insurance, and real estate are exempt from recordkeeping requirements.

[U.S. Fire Administration](#) (USFA) is an entity of the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The mission of the USFA is to reduce life and economic losses due to fire and related emergencies, through leadership, advocacy, coordination, and support. USFA serves the Nation independently, in coordination with other Federal agencies, and in partnership with fire protection and emergency service communities. With a commitment to excellence, they provide public education, training, technology and data initiatives.

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